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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Examiner: T. Pham KOJI OKAMURA et al. Group Art Unit: 2624 Application No.: 09/598,201 Filed: June 21, 2000 **IMAGE PROCESSING** For: APPARATUS AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD June 16, 2005

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2004 for three months from March 16, 2005 to June 16, 2005.

> I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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Frank L. Cire, Reg. No. 42,419 (Name of Attorney for Applicant) lune 16, 2005 Date of Signature Submitted herewith is a check for \$1,020.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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